

THE PRISONERS PRAYERS.

OR,
An Heaueonly helpe to
DEVOTION.

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I THESS. 5. 17.
Pray continually.

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To the most Illustrious and right Vertuous Princeesse, the Lady KATHERINE, Duchesse of *Buckingham* her grace, all honor and grace in this life, and eternall glorie in the life to come.



Right Gracious Lady, the counsell of the holy Apostle is, That if any bee afflicted let him pray: I haue not onely in my long and great

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affli-

Iam. 5. 13.

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afflictions in some measure herein delightfully obeyed, but also composed some few yet comfortable prayers for the benefit of the Church of God.

Now considering with my selfe to whom I should commend the same, I thought vpon your Grace, as most worthy of the Dedication, both in regard of your late and happy call from darknesse to light, as also for your constant & conscinnable maintenance of hol-
ly

Dedicatory.

ly and wholesome
prayers in your family,
to the glory of the Al-
mighty, and the daily
supporting and refres-
hing of your owne
soule.

Now that your Grace
may grow and goe on
in grace, and in the fa-
ining knowledge of the
Lord Iesus, let mee in-
treat you at your best
leasure, to peruse this
poore yet profitable
present: the Lord giue
you grace to stand fast
in the liberty where-
with Christ Iesus made
you free; and bee not

Gal. 5.1.

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intangled againe with
the yoke of bondage.

And as your Grace
(by Gods especiall
mercy) hath tasted of
the true and heauenly
refreshing, the Lord
make you an happy
and heauenly Instru-
ment of the conuerſion
of many great Ones a-
mong vs, ſo ſhall you
ſhine as a ſtarre in the
firmament of ſaluati-
on: Thus *Andrew* drew
on *Peter*, and *Philip*
Nathaniel: thus doing,
greater ſhall your re-
ward be in heauen.

And becauſe euery
thing

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thing is sanctified by
the Word and Prayer,
the Lord giue you
grace to reuerence the
one, and highly respect
the other, that your
soule may be preserved
aliue in the righteous-
ness of Christ Iesus, to
life and glory euerla-
sting: If you thus for-
get your fathers house,
then shall the heauen-
ly King, and earthly
too, take pleasure in
your beauty.

The Psalmist setting
forth the glory of that
famous Ierusalem,
speaketh thus, Glori-
ous

1 Tim. 4. 5.

Psal. 45. 10.

Psal. 87. 3.

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ous things are spoken
of thee thou City of
God: so (without flat-
tery I auerre it) good
things are spoken of
thee, O thou hopefull
and happy Daughter
of God.

Great is the outward
glory cast vpon your
Grace, I pray: God
with all my heart, that
the commendation of
the Kings daughter
may be yours, That you
may bee found also all
glorious within.

Now the Lords best
blessings euermore at-
tend you, and the Lord
prosper

Psal. 45. 13.

Dedictory.

prosper the person of
your dearest friend, the
most Noble and Illu-
strious DVKE, with
grace and honour, and
all his lawfull attempts
with good successe
and victory, for Iesus
Christ his sake. Amen.

Your Graces most
humbly obseruant
in the Lord Iesus,

H. Greenwood.

From his Majesties Pri-
son of the Fleet, this
13 of Novemb. 1627.



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The Prisoners Prayers.

*A Prayer against sin
and Satban in ge-
nerall.*



MOST blessed
and glori-
ous LORD
GOD, I be-
seech thee of thine in-
finite mercies, be piti-
B fully

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fully mercifull vnto mee, poore, miserable and most corrupted sinner : O Lord, cast out sinne and Sathan, let a greater than Sathan enter (euen thine holy and good Spirit) and binde that enemy of thy glory, my saluation, that he may preuaile no longer against mee.

Thus thou didst deale (O my gracious God) most mercifully with *Mary Magdalene*, casting seven Devils out of her : Good Father, I confesse that seventy

uenty times seuen doe
griue my poore and
pensive soule, for so
many foule lusts, so
many vncleane Devils:
Lord, in thy might
and mercy, giue mee
to preuaile against
them. What will sinne
afford mee, but shame
in this world, and con-
fusion in the world to
come?

Lord therefore streng-
then mee against these
corruptions and chie-
fest enemies of my
soule: let mee be as
willing euermore to
put a Toad into my
B 2 mouth,

mouth, as to suffer a
sinne to rest and reigne
in my soule. O that
my wayes were made
so direct, that I might
neuer sinne more. Lord
heare my mournfull
prayers, and let these
my cries come vp vnto
thee, for Iesus Christs
sake, thy Sonne,
my Sauour.
Amen.

*A Prayer against the
worlds illusions.*

Most gracious and
blessed heauenly
Father, forasmuch as
thou hast taught mee,
that I must vse the
world as not abusing
it ; and seeing also I
finde my selfe by na-
ture too too prone and
ready to set my delight
on things below, and
to giue more affection
to things seene, than
things vnseene: O Lord
(who art the only san-
ctifier of thine elect)

B 3 saue

saue mee from immoderate loue, and excessive delight of the same : grant that no worldly honour, pleasure, profit, may deceiue me, but I beseech thee that thy lower blessings may be receiued of mee with a lower loue, and thine heavenly graces, thine eternall glories, with the greatest glory, and chiefest delight of my soule. Lord for thy Christs sake heare mee herein. Amen,
Amen.

*A Praier against
Pride.*

Most deare and
gracious God, I
most humbly intreat
thee so to assist mee
with thy grace, that I
may euermore take
heed of that first and
worst sinne, the sinne
of the Deuill, namely
pride : O Lord grant
I may neuer be puffed
vp in minde, nor haue a
scornfull eye, for pride
will haue a fearfull fall,
and high-mindednesse

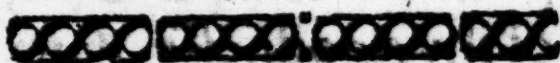
alwayes goeth before
destruction.

Dan. 4. 27, 28.

Luk. 18. 14.

Nabuchadnezzar paid
dearly for his vaine and
foolish vaunting : and
that proud and boast-
ing Pharisee went
home condemned for
his sinne : O Lord, then
giue mee power and
strength against this
wicked lust, this base
and senselesse sinne :
Let not (O God of all
goodnesse) this euill
appeare in mee, by
mine apparell, speech,
looke, gate, or any
other vnseemely beha-
uiour : for thou (O
God)

God) resistest the
proud, and giuest thy
grace only to the hum-
ble: Humble mee then
(I pray thee) that I may
in due time be euera-
stingly exalted of thee
in the Lord IESVS.
Amen.



*A Prayer against
Enuie.*

O LORD GOD,
wheras thou hast
taught me by thy bles-
sed Apostle, to reioyce
with them that re-
B 5 ioyce;

Rom. 12. 15.

Gen. 4. 5.

ioyce ; I beseech thee
saue and defend mee
from that fearfull sinne
of Enuy, the sinne of
Sathan, for hee enuied
the standing power of
Adam : the sinne of
Cain, who vexed his
soule at thy graces ap-
parent in *Abel*: O God,
of thy goodnesse, saue
mee from this sinne
and wickednesse.

Grant (most holy
and heauenly Father)
that I may abound in
loue towards my bre-
thren, and blesse thee
as heartily for any mer-
cie or blessing confer-
red

red vpon others, as vpon mine owne soule: As one member reioyceth in the glory and welfare of another, so grant that I may proue my self a true member of Christ Iesus, in delighting in the prosperity of thy Saints and seruants.

Lord keepe me from an hatefull soule, and fulfill mine heart with loue, to the glory of thy great name, and euerlasting saluation of my poore soule, in the merits of the Lord Iesus. Amen.



*A Prayer against
Adultery.*

Most mighty and
most mercifull
Father, for as much as
thou hast shewen vnto
me frō thy holy & hea-
uenly word, that no vn-
cleane thing shal enter
into thy Kingdom, and
no adulterer shall in-
herit heauen, such
shall onely enter into
thy glory as haue not
defiled theselues with
women, as Saint Iohn
declareth

1 Cor. 6. 9.

declareth in his Reue-
lations: Good Father
(I pray thee) purge my
soul from all foule and
fleshly lusts: my body
is the Temple of thy
holy Spirit, Lord let
mee neuer defile it:
grant (Lord) that I
may preserue and pre-
sent it spotlesse to the
comming of the Lord
Iesus: turne away mine
eyes that I behold not
vanity: If mine eye of-
fend mee, Lord grant
that I may pull it out:
better for me to go in-
to that life with one eie,
than to goe with two
eyes

Matth. 5. 20.

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eies into the darknesse
and damnation of hell.

Giue mee (O Lord)
the helpe of thy grace,
that I may conquer all
beastly lusts, all vnclean
desires, al polluted and
polluting actions, and
be freed from them, for
the honor of thy name,
in the worthinesse of
the Lord Iesus.

Amen.



*A Prayer against
Couetousnesse.*

O Eternal & euerli-
uing Lord God,
thou hast reuealed vn-
to me from thy blessed
word, that thou abhor-
rest the couetous, and
couetousnes is so foule
an euill, as it is called,
Spiritual Idolatry : O
LORD of thy mercy
saue my soul from this
vile and earthly sinne,
giue mee to take heed
and beware of Cou-
etous-

Psal. 10. 3.

Luke 12. 20.

toulnesse, for a mans
life stands not in his
wealth and abundance:
that man in the Gospel
was rightly tearmed a
foole for resting on his
goods, & making them
his God: O Lord, what
greater folly can there
bee, than to leaue thee
the fountaine of liuing
waters, and to trust in
vaine and vncertaine
riches: for as the Psal-
mist tels me, A man by
his wealth cannot re-
deeme his brother, so
precious is the redemp-
tion of souls, and their
continuance for euer.

Psal. 49. 7.

There-

Therefore let my con-
uersation (O Lord) be
without couetousnes,
for thou hast promised,
I will not faile thee nor
forsake thee. Lord raise
mine heart from earth-
ly mindednesse, and let
my chiefe delight bee
on heauen and heauen-
ly things; giue me this
couetousnesse, namely
to couet after spiritual
things, and let all my
delight bee in thy sta-
tutes: that my life be-
ing holy and conuersa-
tion heavenly, I may in
the end obtaine the
kingdome of heauen,
and

Heb. 13. 5.

and life euerlasting,
through Iesus Christ
mine onely Lord and
Saviour. Amen.



*A Prayer against
hardnes of heart.*

O Lord my God, I
most humbly be-
seech thee, in the Lord
Iesus, to frame my soul
according to thy will,
to bring mine heart to
the obedience of thy
holy and heauenly law
in all things : mollific
my stiffe and stubborne
heart,

heart, give me a reach-
able and tractable spi-
rit, that I may ever-
more be guided by the
motions of thy holy
Spirit, and counsell of
thy heavenly word in-
to all goodnesse. Take
away (good Father) the
stouinesse of my heart
(for I feele much hard-
nesse in it) and give me
an heart of flesh: give
mee the spirit of good
King Iosiah, whose
heart melted within
him at the reading of
thy Law: give mee
(O Lord) to tremble at
my sinnes, to mourne
at

Ezek. 36. 26.

2 Chron. 34. 27.

Psal. 51. 10.

at thy iudgements, to
 bee comforted by thy
 mercies in the merits
 of the LORD IESVS.
 Create in me (O Lord)
 a new heart, and renew
 a right spirit within
 mee: turne me, and I
 shall bee turned; con-
 uert me, and then shall
 my soule be conuerted
 vnto thee.

Thy mercies now I
 aske, Lord grant that
 I may haue: thy sweet
 graces now I seeke,
 grant (Lord) that I
 may finde: at thy hea-
 uenly gates I knock,
 Lord open vnto me the
 doore

doore of saluation, for
Iesus Christ his sake.
Amen.



*A Prayer against
Drunkennesse.*

MOst deare and
gracious God, I
thine vnworthy ser-
uant, am bold vpon the
multitude of thy mer-
cies to present my selfe
before thee, earnest-
ly crauing pardon for
my finnes, and thy
power and presence
of grace, for the pre-
uention of them in
time

time to come.

In particular (O Lord) I beseech thee, that I may bee preserved from that swinish sinne of drunkenness: fearefull are thy woes denounced against the same; many other most damnable transgressions alwaies wait vpon the same; yea, a legion of deuils attends the same, as swearing, adultery, quarrelling, and the like: Lord for thy mercies sake, saue me from excessse: whether I eat or drinke, or whatsoeuer I doe else, let

let mee doe all to the
glory of thy blessed
name.

And (good Father)
giue me to shun all oc-
casions of this sinne;
especially, I pray thee,
to preserve mee from
vaine and vngodly so-
ciety, and let mee fre-
quent euermore the
company of thy saints:
temper mine affecti-
ons, moderate mine
vnruly lust: giue mee
alwaies to consider,
that no drunkard shall
inherit the kingdome
of heauen: Also that
vnsober persons are
vnable

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unable to resist the de-
uill, but hee workes his
will and pleasure vpon
them: preserve me then
(my God) from this
common, capitall, na-
tionall euill: Lord giue
mee a wise and mode-
rate vse of thy crea-
tures: let them not bee
snares vnto me, but re-
freshers of me; not de-
stroyers, but suppor-
ters of me, to thy glo-
ry, and the eternall sal-
uation of my poore
soule in the Lord Iesus.
Amen.

*A Prayer against
murther.*

A Lmighty and
most mercifull
heauenly Father, I thy
poore seruant begge
from thy throne of
grace, grace & strength
against all sinnes and
transgressions whatso-
euer; especially, against
those crying sins spo-
ken of in thy word,
such as wil neuer leaue
roaring in thine eares,
till thy iudgments bee
hundred against the
committers of them,

C ^{UNIV.} ^{LIB.} one

1 Iohn 3. 15.

one wherof is murther:
 a fearefull and diabolical
 sinne, for the deuill
 was a murtherer from
 the beginning: Lord
 saue me from taking a-
 way the name or life of
 any man; grant I may
 not harbour malice in
 mine heart, for he that
 hateth his brother in
 his heart, is a manslay-
 er: giue mee to looke
 vpon thy iudgements
 executed vpon such
 malefactors as *Cain*,
Ahab, others, that
 may neuer offend in
 the same: Lord giue
 mee loue, patience,
 mecke

meekenesse, that I may
in the moderation of
my passions and affe-
ctions, preserve my
soule from this grievly
euill, for Iesus Christ
his sake. Amen.



*A Prayer against
Hypocrisie.*

O Most gracious
& merciful God,
thy holy word hath re-
uealed vnto mee thy
heauie vengeance a-
gainst such as are dis-
semblers with thee,

C 2 that

John 1. 47.

that deepe is their portion in hell, therefore is it said, Giue him his portion with hypocrites: O my God, I craue hereupon thy mercifull assistance, that I may take heed of hypocrisie, that I may walke in vprightnesse with thee, that I may with *Nathaniel*, be found a true Israelite, in whom is no guile: Lord grant in all good duties, I may seeke thy glory, and pleasure of thy will, not mine owne ends, or glory of mine owne name.

O Lord saue mee
from pride, one maine
cause of this foule and
foulishe sinne, and giue
mee sincerity, for that
man shall be aduanced
to thy holy hill, that
speaketh the truth
(without hypocrisie)
and professeth it from
the heart.

Lord let not the marks
of this Pharisaical euill
be found in me, as pride,
malicious censuring,
and the like: O Lord,
though my graces be
small, yet let them be
true, and then the gates
of hel shall not preuaile

C 3 against

against mee : to this
end, I beseech thee,
vouchsafe mee a large
and plentifull measure
of humility, that so I
may in vprightnesse
serue thee in this life,
and hereby bee sealed
vp to thy glory euerla-
sting in that blessed life
to come, for Iesus
Christ his sake, my
only Sauour and
Redeemer.

Amen.



A Prayer against
Reuenge.

MOst louing and
gracious G o d,
thy holy word hath
taught mee, that ven-
geance is thine, thou
wilt repay all offered
wrongs whatsoeuer:
whereupon I beseech
thee, O Lord, in all a-
buses and oppressions,
giue mee patience and
meekenesse of spirit,
that I may not render
euil for euil, that I may

Rom. 12. 19.

Rom. 12. 17.

not seeke maliciously
to reuenge those that
haue done wrong and
iniury vnto me: to doe
good for good, Publi-
canes can do the same:
to doe euill for euill,
that is an act of flesh
and blood: to doe e-
uill for good, is egre-
gious vngodlines: but
to doe good against e-
uill, this is onely pro-
per to the righteous:
when others curse, let
mee blesse; let me pray
when others persecute,
as the first Martyr in
the Gospell prayed for
them that stoned him,
and

Acts 7. 60.

and my blessed Saviour for those that mocked and killed him.

It is not possible but offences will come; man is so vicious, so malicious; How often shall I then forgive? seven times? No Lord, more than so, seventy times seven: hee that would not forgive his brother the pence, his pounds, yea, talents were exacted from him to the vitermost farthing in prison: If I cannot heartily forgive my brother, how shall I looke for forgiveness

Matth. 18. 34.

of sinnes at thy hands?
Therefore (deare God)
grant mee thy grace to
conquer malicious and
reuengefull thoughts,
and possesse mee with
the spirit of meeknes
and loue, to my present
peace, to mine euerla-
sting saluation, in and
through my Lord
and Sauour Je-
sus Christ.
Amen.

A Prayer against

Theft.

O LORD and hea-
 venly (Father),
 whereas thine expresse
 commandment is, that
 I shal not steale, O
 Lord giue me thy fear,
 that I may take heed
 that I suppose not my
 brother, by vnjust and
 deceitfull dealing, nor
 take away by violence
 that which is his, but as
 I would be done vnto,
 so let me euermore do,
 for

Exod. 20. 15.

Matth. 7. 12.

for this is the Law and
~~the~~ Prophets: As I de-
 sire heartily thy grace
 to walke before thee in
 holinesse, so also I be-
 seech thee, giue mee in
 all things to carry my
 selfe to my neighbour
 in righteousness: with-
 out shall be dogs, mur-
 derers, theues, these
 wretched persons shall
 for euermore be expel-
 led and excluded thy
 kingdome of glorie:
 and who shall dwell in
 thy holy Hill? even he
 that hath not done euil
 to his neighbour, as in
 body and name, so in
 goods.

Psal. 15. 3.

goods and estate.

A little that the righteous hath, being well got, is better than great riches of the vngodly, gotten by fraud, violence, wrong: Giue me to know that I must one day giue an account of my stewardship, how I haue gotten my goods, as well as how I haue spent them.

Luke 16. 2.

Therefore I beseech thee giue me thy feare and grace, to preserve my soule from these worldly and wicked errors here, and giue me euer-

eueralting saluation
when I die, in the Lord
Iesus that freely died
for me. Amen.



*A Prayer against
Swearing.*

MOST Mighty,
most glorious,
and most mercifull
Lord God, great thou
art in thy maiesty, won-
drous in thy power,
who is able to resist thy
wrath: O Lord euer-
more defend mee from
taking thy great and
mighty

Exod. 20.7.

mighty name in vaine,
for thou wilt not hold
him guiltlesse that ta-
keth thy Name in vain:
Heauy are thy iudge-
ments denounced a-
gainst this sinne: thy
curse shall not depart
from the house of the
swearer: Therefore my
good God, grant I
may neuer bee found
culpable of this sinne;
but giue me thy grace
that I may serue thee
in feare, & reioyce be-
fore thee in reuerence:
all the daies of my life:
Lord let mee neuer
thinke or speake of thy
great

great and holy Name,
but with all feare, re-
spect, reuerence, trem-
bling.

Giue me also thy feare
and grace, that I may
not endure thy Name
to bee dishonoured of
others, but let it bee a
Simeons Sword to
pierce my soule, and
giue mee euermore to
reprooue and con-
demne it.

Lord heare, helpe,
and haue mercy vpon
thy poore seruant, here
and in heauen.

Amen.

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Luke 2. 35.



*A Prayer against
Periury.*

O Lord God, to
whō vengeance
belongeth, thou great
Iudge of heauen and
earth, to whom all se-
crets are knowen; I
most humbly pray thee
that thy feare & grace
may so assist me, that I
may neuer swerue from
the truth of thy Law:
thou hast charged mee
not to beare false wit-
nes against my neigh-
bour,

Exod. 20. 16.

bour, but to speake the truth impartially when I am thereunto called, for Lord thou knowest all secrets, though man cannot detect them: therefore keeps mee from false swearing, for as it is great wrong in iudgement, so is it odious and abominable before thee, for thine infinite wisdom is dishonoured; and he that dishonoureth thee in this desperate, impudent, and damnable manner, thou wilt dishonour and condemne him for euer.

Lord

Lord giue me an honest heart and faithfull soule, that in all things I may carry my selfe vpright, as in thy great and mightie presence, now and for euermore.

Amen;



*A Prayer against
Security.*

Blessed and euer-
glorious **L O R D**
G O D, I pray thee most
humbly and earnestly
in Christ Iesus, to keep
mee from that dange-
rous

rous euill of security :
many are the enemies
of my soule, the deuill
goeth vp and downe,
seeking whom he may
deuoure : the world by
his allurements seeketh
to ouerturne my soule:
carnall concupiscence,
and inbred corruption
takes all aduantages to
betray and overthrow
mee: I beseech thy Ma-
iesty (seeing my poore
soule is thus dange-
rouly assaulted) giue
mee all diligence and
care to keepe my soule
from sinning against
thee: O giue mee the
warch

watch of thy Spirit of
 grace, to prevent these
 wofull enemies of my
 soule : let mee euer
 watch and pray, and
 stand vpon my guard,
 lest I fall into temptati-
 on: let me be lesse care-
 full for the things of
 this life, & more care-
 full for thy glory, and
 the eternall saluation
 of my soule : that I
 glorifying thy great
 Name constantly in
 this life, may in Iesus
 CHRIST bee euer-
 lastingly glorified of
 thee in the life to
 come. Amen.

Matth. 26, 41.



*A Prayer against
Desperation.*

O Lord my God
most mighty and
glorious, I most hum-
bly intreat thee to assist
me in all assaults of Sa-
tan: this enemy is
strong, I poore sinner
weake, I pray thee then
helpe me against all his
most desperate and dis-
mall temptations: I
confesse my sins most
odious, most damna-
ble, yet vpon my true
humi-

humiliation, I am bold
to rest vpon thy re-
nowned mercies for
forgiuenesse of them;
To whom wilt thou
looke (O blessed Lord
God) but to him that
is of a contrite heart,
and trembleth at thy
words: therfore in the
confidence of this thy
promise & mercy, giue
mee resolution against
all feares, and desperate
harmes of my soule:
not to belecue thy pro-
mise, who art truth it
selfe, nor to hope in thy
performance, who art
most faithfull and iust,
it

Esa. 66. 2.

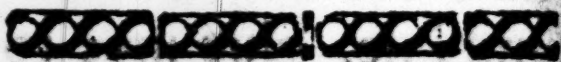
it were to deny thy
 glorious Name, it were
 heauy and fearefull sin-
 ning against thee : I
 haue sinned (Lord thou
 knowest) too too much
 alreadie, shall I now
 by despaire adde sinne
 to sinne? O Lord God
 forbid it: though my
 sinnes bee many, yet
 thy mercies are more;
 though they bee as red
 as crimson, yet in the
 crimson Blood of
 Christ thy Sonne, thou
 canst make them all as
 white as snow or wool.
 O Lord my God, who
 art so full of mercy, as
 thou

Esai. I. 18.

thou delightest not in
the death of the grea-
test sinner, but rather
that hee may conuert
and liue, giue mee to
breake mine heart for
sinne, but not to de-
spaire of thy mercies
for the forgiuenesse of
my finnes, for thou gi-
uest grace and saluati-
on to the humble, and
the Lord Iesus came to
call none but bleeding
sinners to repentance:
In hope of which thy
truth and mercy, I
make bold to rest vpon
thee (O Lord my God
and Sauieur) for pre-
D sent

Ezek. 18. 32.

sent peace, for euerlasting saluation. Amen.
Amen.



*A Prayer against
Hereſie.*

O LORD and heavenly Father, ſeeing there is but one truth, one faith, one way laid out for life, which is the Lord Ieſus, for he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: ſaue me (O Lord) from all by-paths and errors, all falſe waies, grant (with Dauid)

Iohn 14. 6.

Pſal.

uid

and thy seruant) I may
veterly abhorre: espe-
cially I beseech thee,
keepe me that I drinke
not of the cuppe of for-
nication, which the
Whore of Babylon
holdeth in her hand,
wherewith the greatest
part of the world is
deceiued, poisoned,
drunke: a cup pleasing
to flesh and blood, and
therfore called, A gol-
den Cup, yet within it
is full of deadly poison
and abomination.

Reuel. 17. 4.

Lord grant I may
not bee misled in iudg-
ment, nor obstinate in

I Cor. 14. 32.

Acts.

defending errors against thy truth; but give mee an humble heart, and let my spirit be evermore subject to the iudgement of thy zealous Prophets: O Lord, give mee to this end (with the Brethren) to examine all things, and to compare Scripture with Scripture, that so I may never swerve from thy most pure, holy, and sacred Truth.

And give mee (my good Father) courage and magnanimity to defend and uphold thy glorious

glorious Gospell, a-
gainst barking Papists,
and cauilling Atheists,
and all malicious op-
posers of the same, to
the losse and laying
downe of my dearest
life and blood.

Thus grant me (gra-
cious God) to stand for
thy truth against all de-
facers of the same;

(to my times end)

Amen.

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inere



*A Prayer against
Lying.*

MOST deare and
gracious beaue-
ly father, who art truth
it selfe, in whom no er-
rou nor feignity can e-
bide nor dwell, grant
me (of thy goodnesse)
that I may abhor that
vaine and vile euill of
lying, let me euermore
speake the truth with
feare and care in a
good conscience.

The iesting lye is
meere

meere vanity; the officious lye, or lye for profit or aduantage, is grosse iniquity: the malicious lye, or lye to doe hurt, is most pernicious and damnable impiety: Good Lord keep me from all these abominations, & giue me to know, that thine infinite wisdom, and all-seeing knowledge is most grieuously dishonoured herein: for (Lord) thou knowest all secrets, nothing hidden from thine all-seeing eye; though man may bee deceiued, yet

thy Maicesty can neuer
bee deceiued : A lye
then is most foolish,
most odious ; Lord
keepe me from this va-
nity, now and for euer-
more. Amen.



*A Prayer against
Sabbath-breaking.*

O Eternall G o d,
Creator and go-
uernour of all things,
seeing thou hast put a
principall charge vpon
thy fourth commande-
ment, Remember to
keepe

keep holy the Sabbath
day: O my God, grant
me thy feare, thy grace,
that that thy day may
neuer bee neglected of
mee: Lord grant I
may spend it in prayer
publike, private, in hea-
ring and reading of
thy holy word, in in-
structing my family:
Lord vouchsafe me to
great a care, so heauen-
ly a desire, as I may not
therein speake mine
owne words, nor think
mine owne thoughts,
and that I may make
the exercise of that day
my ioy, my soules de-

D 5 light:

Isay 58.13.

light: No one shall enter thy Sabbath & rest of glory, but hee that hath been strictly careful to keepe thy Sabbath on earth: Grant I may deale with no worldly thing on this thy day, that I may go to thy Temple, and returne to mine house, and make no other walke on this thy day, that I may not doe or looke vpon any vaine pastimes on this thy day.

And (good Lord)
stirre vp mine heart to
blesse thy Name, for so
blessed

blessed and happie a
 day, wherein thine hea-
 uenly instructions are
 imparted to my soule :
 Did not this day shine
 in thine ordinance
 most graciously vpon
 me, all the daies of the
 weeke, yea all the daies
 of my life would bee
 dismall vnto me : Lord
 continue this thine ho-
 ly day to the comming
 of the Lord Iesus in
 the clouds to iudg-
 ment, for thy mer-
 cies sake sweet

L O R D.

Amen.



*A Prayer against
Idle words.*

MOst glorious and
blessed heauenly
Father, whereas thou
hast shewen vnto mee
from thy heauenly
Word, That of euery
idle word that men
shall speake, account
shall bee giuen at the
day of iudgment : O
G o d of thy great
goodnesse and mercy,
so possesse me with thy
power of grace, that I
may

Matth. 12. 36.

may alwaies say with
thy good and godly
seruant *David*, I will
take heed vnto my
waies that I offend not
in my tongue.

Psal. 39. 1.

Lord, if I speake,
giue mee that I may
speake, as thy holy word
prescribes mee, holily,
profitably, to the glori-
fication of thy great
Name, the edification
of the hearers, & con-
solation of mine owne
soule.

1 Pet. 4. 11.

Moderate (I beseech
thee) the rudenesse and
rashnes of my tongue;
it is but a little mem-
ber,

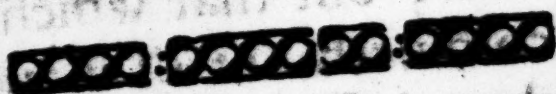
Iames 3. 5, 8.

Psal. .41. 3.

ber, but (Lord) I confesse, a very hard thing for me to rule & tame: grant therefore I may set a watch ouermore before the doore of my lippes, that no vanity may bee vttered: the tongue (in the original) signifieth glory; Lord grant that I thereby may glorifie thy great and godly name.

O Lord, giue me neuer to speake but holily, modestly, heauenly, that I may in the end for euer in heauen with the same my tongue sing a most ioyfull

ioyfull and glorious
Halleluiah to thee (O
blessed Lord God)
and to the Lambe, the
Lord Iesus, for euer-
more. Amen.



*A Prayer against
euill Thoughts.*

MY most holy and
heauenly LORD
GOD, I pray thee in
and for the Lord Ie-
sus, to reforme mine
erroneous nature, and
sanctifie my most sinful
and polluted soule:
Lord

Matth. 15. 19.

Lord cleanse my heart
 within, and then the
 outside shall be cleane
 also; It is not (O Lord)
 that which goeth into
 man that defileth a
 man, but that which
 cometh out of man
 that defiles him; for
 out of the heart com-
 meth murder, adulte-
 ry, and other vncleane
 evils: O my deare and
 blessed heavenly Fa-
 ther, purge the foun-
 taine, and the riuer that
 becometh: purge mine
 heart from vaine and
 euill thoughts and lusts,
 then shall my mouth
 praise

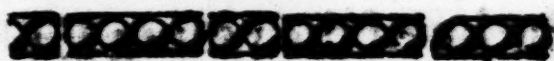
praise thee, and mine
actions bee in some
measure futable to thy
holy will: O Lord, giue
me to keep mine heart
with all diligence, for
therout commeth life:
if I keepe it not with all
diligence, therout wil
come death, that is,
finne, whose wages is
death. Giue mee (my
blessed Sauour) to
keepe a narrow watch
ouer my thoughts, that
no wicked thought,
profane lust, or vngod-
ly desire may nestle in
my soule, for inquisiti-
on shal be made for the
very

Prov. 4. 23.

Wisd. 1. 9.

very thoughts of the
vngodly : Lord grant
then that the thoughts
of my heart may
bee alwaies holy and
heauenly, that so my
soule being taken vp
with holy meditati-
ons, and heauenly con-
templations here, I
may bee admitted to
that most excellent
glorie of heauen, pur-
chased in the blood of
the LORD IESVS: to
whom with thee and
thine holy Spirit, my
soule in her best
thoughts desire to ren-
der all glory in all reue-
rence

rence now and for euermore. Amen.



A Praier against disobedience to Parents.

O Almighty God,
as thou hast promised long and happy life to those that honor their Father and Mother, so is it most certaine, that disobedient children shall not escape thy fearefull vindicts and iudgments: for hee that disobeyeth his father or mother,
the

Exod. 20. 12.

Prov. 30.17.

the Ravens of the val-
lies shall pick out his
eies, and deuoured shal
he be of the young Ea-
gles.

O Lord, giue mee to
consider, that I recei-
ued from my Parents
my being, my mainte-
nance, mine education,
how then shall I suf-
ficiently expresse my
dutie vnto them? bet-
ter neuer beene borne,
than to contemne or
neglect them by whom
I had my being: O
good God bleſſe my
parents, ſanctifie them,
giue them thy mercies

in

in this life, thy saluati-
on in the next, and me
thy grace to doe vnto
them all honour and
helpe, while I liue. A-
men.



*A Prayer against blas-
phemy against the
Holy Ghost.*

O Blessed and gra-
cious God, thy
mercy is to be mighti-
ly magnified, and euer-
lastingly extolled, for
thy compassion to
humbled and penitent
sinners,

Psal. 130.4.

Matth. 12.32.

sinners, for there is
mercie and saluation
with thee that thou
maiest bee feared, and
trusted to for life: yet
notwithstanding, thou
hast reuealed thine ir-
reuocable Sentence a-
gainst one sinne, and
but one, that hee that
committeth it, shal ne-
uer bee pardoned, nei-
ther here nor at the
day of iudgment, and
that is, blasphemy a-
gainst the H O L Y
G H O S T, a sinne vn-
to death, vnto damna-
tion, not to bee pardo-
ned, not to bee praied
for:

for : Lord giue me thy
grace, that I may care-
fully seeke to know it,
and more carefully
seeke to auoid it: when
a man is enlightned to
know thy truth, to pro-
fesse thy truth, to giue
good allowance of it,
to reuerence & honor
it, and then by the de-
uils strong temptatiōs
to fall off from the
same, maliciously to
oppose and persecute
the same, and the pro-
fessors of the same, to
raile vpon it, and dis-
gracefully blaspheme
it, the conscience not-
with-

withstanding all this
while conuincing him,
this is that unpardonable
sinne, and it is impossible
for this man to repent
and bee saued: Good Lord
grant that I may neuer be
thus overcome by Sathan,
grant (sweet Iesus) I may
take heed of the way of
this fearfull offence
and sinne: Lord giue mee
grace that I may not be
vnreuerent to thy Word,
that I may not mocke, but
make much of sincere
professors of the same,
that euermore I may
haue

haue a trembling respect to thy Maieſty and ordinance, that ſo I may bee graciously preſerued from this fearfull ſinne here, and the damnation of it hereafter in hell for euermore. Amen.



*A Prayer againſt
Preſumption.*

O M o s t bleſſed Lord God, I cannot while I liue in this body of ſinne, be freed from ſinne and corrup-
E tion,

Psal. 19. 13.

tion, this world will afford me no perfection: therefore (good Father) seeing I cannot but sinne, grant me this favour and compassion, that the finnes which I daily do offend in; may be of infirmity; not of wilfulnesse, nor of maliciousnes, nor against the light of conscience; especially (with thy servant *David*) I pray thee keepe mee from presumptuous finnes, that they may not preuaile ouer me.

Gracious heavenly Father, let not mee boldly

boldly offend thee, vpon
hope of mercie
from thee, nor presume
to sinne vpon expecta-
tion of thy pardon:
what greater abuse of
thy mercie than this
can there be? thy mer-
cy should lead mee
from my sins, vnto re-
pentance, not from re-
pentance vnto sinne.

Rom.2.4.

Lord, with griefe of
heart I doe mounful-
ly confesse before thee,
that I haue too too
much presumed in
bold and wilful sinning
against thee, vpon
hope of pardon from

E 2

thee:

thee : Lord humble me
more and more for this
my most dangerous
sinne and offence, and
let it not bee mee, but
sinne in me, whensoe-
uer I sin against thee.

L O R D, aboue all
things saue me from an
impudent and shame-
lesse soule, saue mee
from sinning against
thee with so high an
hand, in so great a mea-
sure: that my chieft
care being to master
sinne in this life, it may
bee thy good will and
pleasure to free mee
from damnation in the
world

world to come, for Ie-
sus Christ his sake. A-
men.



*A Prayer against
the Plague.*

O Lord my God,
most mighty and
glorious, whereas thy
gracious promise is, to
saue mee from plague
and pestilence, to hide
mee vnder thy wings,
and to keep me safe vn-
der thy feathers, thou-
sands shall fall on my
right hand, and ten

Psal. 91. 4. 7.

thousand on my left,
and no plague shall
come neere my dwelling:
Lord for thy mercies sake saue me from
this wrath of thine, and
euermore defend mee.

And (heauenly Father) I pray thee to this
end purge my soule
from the leprosie of
sinne, the cause of all
thy iudgments present
and to come; this fear-
full affliction neuer
commeth, but alwaies
some or other sin pro-
curing it: foure great
and gricuous plagues
thou sendest against the
house

house of Israel, four
lamentable finnes pro-
curing the same, as
bellicheare, contempt
of thy Ministers, forni-
cating, and putting
confidence in the arme
of flesh for victorie: O
Lord preserve mee
and this whole nation
from these and al other
transgressions, that so
iniquity may neuer be
our destruction.

Thus (I most humbly
beseech thee) saue me
from sins & iudgments
in this life & from ever-
lasting damnation in
the world to come, for

E 4 Iesus

NUM. 11.
NUM. 16.
NUM. 25.
2 SAM. 24.

The Prisoners

Iesus sake. Amen.



*A Prayer against
the Sword.*

A Lmighty and
most merciful Fa-
ther, great are thy iudg-
ments, and feare-
full thy punishments
appointed for sinners,
yea, for thine owne
people, if they sinne
against thee: though
thou wilt in the
Lord I e s u s, spare
them in thine cuerla-
sting loue, from an e-
uerlasting damnation,
yet

yet if they bee bold to
sinne, thou wilt lash
them with a tempora-
ry correction: as thou
didst threaten thine
owne people Israel,
that thou wouldest
draw thy Sword, and
cut off the righteous
with the wicked: O
Lord I beseech thee,
saue me from this fear-
full miserie, let the
sword of thy law pierce
and humble mee, that
the sword of thy iudg-
ments may neuer over-
take me.

I blesse thee (O Lord
God) for peace in our

Ezek. 11. 4.

Psal. 144. 14.

borders, wee haue no
howling in our gates,
no complaining in our
streets, no leading into
captiuitie, no defiling
of Temple and City,
blessed are the people
that are so, happy are
they that haue thee (O
Lord) for their God.

.3. 10.

O Lord God, giue
mee and the whole na-
tion grace to repent
with Nineue of all our
finnes, that so wee may
neuer bee deuoured by
the sword, but in peace
(if it bee mee for thy
glory, and the good
of thy church) we may
passe

pass to peace and glory euerlasting. Amen.



*A Prayer against
Famine.*

O Most mighty and most glorious Lord God, I beseech thee saue me from miserie and destruction, which iustly for my sinnes might come vpon me: O Lord in particular, I pray thee for thy mercies sake, preserve me from famine, and perishing by hunger,

ger, that ruefull iudgment, and of all deaths the most miserable vnder the Sun, for none like staruing to death: Lord grant I may daily dye vnto my sinnes, that for them I may neuer in this terrible iudgment die: how heauie is it to my soule the remembrance of that distressed woman, who in that famine of Samaria, complained to her King, That her neighbour shared with her in the eating of her child, but she could not againe haue part with her

2 Kings 6. 28.

her neighbour : a lamentable complaint, a distresse most miserable ; O Lord of thy goodnes saue mee and this nation from the same.

And as we would be spared from these thy dismall iudgments, so (Lord) grant wee may labor to be freed from our wicked and abominable transgressions : wee haue abused thy creatures vnto vanity, and thy comfortable mercies vnto riot and excesse : it were iust with thee to fulfill that
heauy

heavy sentence vpon
vs, Hee that hath not,
it shall bee taken away
that which he hath; he
that hath not to a
good and holy vse, it
shall bee taken away
that which he hath.

O Lord haue mercy
vpon mee, and deliuer
me from famine in this
life, and destruction in
the next to come,
for Iesus Christ
his sake.

Amen.

**A Prayer for grace
in generall.**

O Eternall G o d,
and my most
mercifull heavenly Fa-
ther, who art Author
and finisher of my
faith, from whom eue-
ry good and perfect
gift descendeth, I most
humbly intreat thee to
sanctifie my soule with
thy holy and heavenly
grace, especially with
those excellent gifts of
thy holy Spirit, spoken
of by thine holy Apo-
stle

little Peter, proper onely
to thine elect and cho-
sen: as faith, vertue,
knowledge, patience,
temperance, godlines,
brotherly kindnesse,
loue: for if these things
be in me, and abound,
I shall neuer fall into
the ditch of hell.

Lord, let me not do
mine own wil, but giue
mee alwaies to bee gui-
ded by the motions of
thine holy Spirit into
all truth: let it bee my
meat and drinke, the o-
bedience of thy word:
grant I may finde out
that old and good way,
the

the way of thy teare
and grace, that wal-
king in it constantly
and conscionably, I
may finde euerlasting
peace and rest to my
soule: O Lord giue me
to loath sinne, as the
greatest enemy of my
soule, for the wages of
sinne is death, but the
gift of thee (O my
God) is eternall life,
through my Lord and
Saniour Iesus Christ.

Rom. 6. 23.

If I bee not borne
twice, better it had
beene for mee neuer to
haue beene borne: ex-
cept I repent, I perish:
Lord

Luke 13. 3. A

Lord, who shall dwell
in thy holy Taberna-
cle? euen hee that lea-
deth an incorrupt life,
for no vncleane thing
shall enter into thy
kingdome, vn-sanctifi-
ed, vn-saued: and with-
out holinesse I can ne-
uer see thee, O God:
therefore I beseech
thine holy and heauen-
ly maiesty, to mortifie
sinne in mine earthly
members, and to re-
new mee in soule and
body: giue me (O my
God) a new minde,
new will, new affecti-
ons, new thoughts,
new

new words, new waies,
all new, for he that is a
member of the Lord
Iesus, is thus become a
new creature.

O Lord, euermore
delight my soule with
holinesse, and let thy
feare preserve mee al-
waies from euill: thus
giue mee (I pray thee)
to liue purely in some
good measure in this
life, that I may haue the
surer hope of happines
in heauen, for blessed
are the pure in heart,
they shall see thee O
God.

Blesse me then (good
Father)

Father) with the blessing of sanctity in this life, and of euertlasting felicity in the life to come, for the Lord Iesus Christ his sake. Amen.



A Prayer for Knowledge.

Most blessed and heavenly Father, I confesse by nature I am a creature most miserable, so blinded and darkened by sinne, as I know not what may make

make for thy glory, or
the comfortable salua-
tion of my poore soule:
the darkness of Ægypt
was not so blacke, so
palpable as the blind-
nesse and darknesse of
my soule: O Lord my
God, my suit vnto thee
is with blind *Bartimeus*
that I may receiue my
fight, send mee (Lord)
some or other good *A-*
nnas to vnscale mine
eyes that I may iudge
and see the wonders of
thy Law.

Marke 10.51.

Acquaint me (good
Father) by thy Law,
with my wofull finnes,
thy

thy fearefull curses due
vnto mee for the same,
that so I may bee bro-
ken hearted for them,
and made capable of
remission and saluati-
on: acquaint mee also
with thy promise made
vnto the hūbled in Je-
sus Christ for forgive-
nesse, for thou giuest
grace to the humble:
acquaint mee also with
the way of the regene-
rate, & affect my soule
with holinesse, that so
I may come to saluati-
on in the end: this is
life eternall to know
thee thus, and him
whom

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whom thou hast sent
euen Iesus Christ.

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Make good vnto me
that thy gracious pro-
mise, thou wilt im-
part thy secrets to
them that feare thee:
Lord discover thy glo-
ry vnto me, that I may
answerably feare thy
Name: reueale thy will
(O Lord) most plenti-
fully vnto mee, that I
may strictly serue thee
in holinesse and righte-
ousnesse all the daies
of my life; for Iesus
sake. Amen.

Psal. 25.

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A Prayer for Humiliation.

Most mighty and most glorious Lord God, seeing that thine holy Word hath taught mee, that the Lord Iesus came to saue none but sinners, grieued sinners, wounded sinners, such sinners as would neuer sinne more: and moreover thou wilt look to none but to such as are of a contrite spirit, and tremble

tremble at thy words:
O Lord, breake mine
heart for breaking thy
commandements, and
smite my soule for sin-
ning against thee:
grant I may bee asha-
med of the filthinesse
of my sinnes, grieue
for offending so louing
a God by them, and
quake and tremble, lest
thou shouldst condēne
me in thy strict iustice
for them for euermore:
if my sinfull soule bee
not thus rent, thus tor-
mented for my wicked
sinnes in this life, I can-
not escape at the day of
F iudge-

Esa. 46. 2.

iudgement the damnation of hell : better ten thousand times to haue my hell here, than hereafter : Lord therefore bruise my soule for all my vile transgressions, and fearefull abominations,

And leaue mee not (good Lord) I pray thee, in these my soule afflictions & affrightments, but when thou hast sufficiently corrected mee, then (Lord) turne again and reuiue mee, say vnto my soule thou art, thou wilt bee my saluation : for thou
hast

hast made this gracious promise, that the laden shall bee eased, and the wearied shall bee refreshed : Lord heare then these my mournfull praiers, and let these my groning cries come vp vnto thee, for Iesus Christ his sake. Amen.



*A Prayer for
Faith.*

MO S T deare and gracious God, I humbly beseech thee to cut mee off from the

stocke of corruption
and sinne, and that by
sound humbling, and
to plant mee (who art
that heauenly husband-
man) by the power of
thy blessed Spirit, into
that holy stocke the
Lord Iesus, and that by
effectuall belecuing :
Lord giue mee to liue
by faith, and not by
flesh; by grace, and not
by sinne, for they that
are in Christ Iesus
walk not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit.

Rom. 8. 1.

Grant (gracious
God) I may rest vpon
thee in thy Son Christ,
for

for forgiuenesse of sin,
and for life euerla-
sting: grant vpon this
my deliuerance I may
liue to the praise of
thee my blessed Redee-
mer, in holinesse and
righteousnesse all the
daies of my life: grant
(holy Father) I may
not onely by faith de-
pend vpon all thy pro-
mises for this life, and
for heauen, but likewise
by the same faith labor
to walke in the obedi-
ence of all thy com-
mandements.

O Lord increase my
faith, for my heart is

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full of doubting, thou
(O Lord) art faithfull
and true, yea, truth it
selfe, why should I then
wauer? My soule is
weake through my re-
maining corruptions
in obeying thy holy
Word, Lord streng-
then mee: my heart is
faint, and ready to sink
vnder the least triall
and affliction, Lord for
thy mercies support
and comfort mee.

Giue me (my deare
God) to belecue be-
yond belcefe, when I
feele nor, to rest vpon
thee for comfort, as thy
seruant

seruant *Iob* resolved,
 Lord if thou killest me
 yet will I put my trust
 in thee: Lord giue me
 by faith, clearely to see
 my sinnes pardoned,
 my life reformed, my
 soule reconciled with
 thee, and my name
 written in the booke of
 heauen.

Iob.

Most louing Father,
 I pray thee grant mee
 thy grace, that I may
 deny my selfe, that I
 may wholly rest vpon
 Christ Iesus, and fol-
 low his heauenly com-
 mandements for life:
 grant that my faith

Iam. 2.26.

may not bee a dead
faith, but a liuely, wal-
king, working faith:
that is a dead and vaine
faith that moueth not
in the obedience of thy
most holy commande-
ments: thus (I pray
thee) guide me by thy
good Spirit into all
truth, that thy power
of grace possessing me
in this life, I may haue
the better hope of eter-
nall saluation in the
life to come, and that
for the merits of
the Lord Iesus.

Amen.

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A Prayer for Obedience.

O Lord God most mighty, most glorious, I most humbly craue thy gracious and louing fauour, that I may bee inabled by strength and power receiued from thee, to walke in absolute obedience before thee: Lord let mee not doe my will, but thy will in all things: as the Centurion said of his seruants,

Luke 7. 8.

uants, He said to one, goe, and hee goeth; to another, come, and he commeth; to another, doe this, and hee doth it: Lord grant me the like obedience and tractability to thy will in all things.

1 SAM. 15. 22.

Lord giue me to vnderstand that obedience is better than sacrifice, yea, to obey is the best of all sacrifices: let mee then obey thee in all thy commandments, and submit vnto thee in all thy corrections: not my will, but thy will most willingly
be

bee yeilded vnto in all things, my Lord, my God.

O Lord vouchsafe me sincerity in this my most bounden duty & seruice, that I may obey thee in one commandement as well as in another; let mee with thy godly seruant *Dauid*, euermore haue respect vnto all thy commandements: O then that my waies were made so direct, that I may neuer sinne more, but in all things do thy righteous iudgments: O let it bee my meat and

Psal. 119.

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and drinke, the obedience of thy will: O that I could finde out the old way, which is the good way, that walking constantly, and conscionably in the same, I may finde euermore lasting rest and peace to my poore soule: Lord, thus sanctifie me in this life with thy holy seare, that I may not faile of saluation in the world to come, for thy loue in the
Lord Iesus.

Amen.



*A Prayer for
Zeale.*

MOST blessed and
glorious heauen-
ly Father, my heart is
griued and much per-
plexed within mee, be-
cause I finde my soule
so dead, so cold in all
good duties w^{ch} thou
hast appointed mee to
walk in. O Lord quickē
me, and make me more
zealous, more feruent
for the praise and glo-
ry of thy great and hea-
uenly

uenly Name: let (I pray thee) thy good pleasure be my chiefest glory, and the constant seruice of thee, the greatest delight of my soule.

O Lord my God, grant I may neuer endure thy Name to bee dishonoured, nor thy holy Law disgraced by my selfe or others, but so affect my soule with thy feare, care, loue, that I may, euermore defend thee, and support the glory of thy Name: giue mee to bleede in heart, and
melt

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melt in soule at the
great and grievous e-
uils of the time, let
mine eies gush out in-
to riuers of water, be-
cause men keepe not
thy Law : let euery e-
uill beholden of me, be
as a goad in my side,
and as a thorne in mine
eie: grant (good God)
I may most strictly
walke before thee, and
so burne in zeale of thy
law and glory, that thy
seruice, and the obedi-
ence of thy will, may
bee more precious,
more delightfull vnto
mee than the eternall
sal-

Psal. 119.

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saluation of my soule:
 Thus (Lord) inflame
 my soule with thy loue,
 feare, grace, that so my
 part and portion may
 be with thy Saints and
 Angels in ioy and glo-
 ry euerlasting, in and
 through my Lord and
 Sauour Iesus Christ.
 Amen.



*A Prayer for bro-
 therly loue.*

O Almighty and
 most mercifull
 Father, for as much as
 thou

thou hast shewen vnto
me, that he that dwel-
leth in loue, dwelleth
in thee, for thou art
loue, and by this shall
all men know, that we
are thy disciples, if we
loue one another; and
againc, If I cannot loue
him whom I see daily,
how shall I perswade
my self I loue thee, whō
I neuer saw? good Lord
I beseech thee then to
fill my soule with loue,
and to abound mee
with charity and good-
nesse toward my bre-
thren: as the members
of the body cary them-
selues

I Ioh. 4.16.

I Ioh. 4.20.

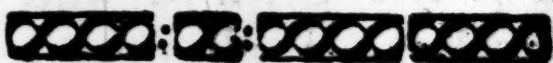
selues one to another,
so (I pray thee) giue
mee grace to behaue
my selfe to my bre-
thren, and fellow-
members of the Lord
Iesus: one member de-
spiseth not another,
grant then I may not
be puffed vp: one mem-
ber enuieth not ano-
ther, grant I may not
grudge at the prospe-
rity of my brethren:
one member is helpe-
full to another, grant
(Lord) that I may doe
all the good I can vnto
others while I live: one
member suffereth with
ano-

another, grant that I
may weepe with them
that weepe: one mem-
ber reuengeth not ano-
ther, Lord grant that I
may beare offered
wrongs & iniuries, and
neuer seeke reuenge.

Thus (I beseech
thee) possesse me with
thy Spirit of loue, for
it is the ground and
mother of all good-
nesse, yea, the fulfilling
of thy whole Law, and
without loue I am as
sounding brasse, and
as a tinkling Cymball,
I am nothing: Thus
giue mee to resemble
thy

1 Cor. 13. 1.

thy Maieſty in loue
and kindneſſe in this
life, that I may be ad-
mitted to that place of
happineſſe, where loue
ſhall neuer vaniſh a-
way, and that for thy
loue in the Lord Ieſus,
my moſt louing Sau-
our and Redeemer. A-
men.



*A Prayer for hu-
mility.*

MOſt holy and hea-
uenly Lord God,
for as much as thou
haſt

hast reuealed vnto mee
from thy holy Word,
That thou resistest the
proud, & giuest grace
to the humble, and
none but the humble
shall bee exalted : O
Lord my God, endue
me wth the spirit of hu-
mility, grant I may be
far from vain thoughts
and proud lookes,
giue mee to learne of
my blessed Sauour Je-
sus Christ to bee hum-
ble and meeke, so shall
I finde rest to my soule:
the humbled Publi-
cane went home exal-
ted, but the proud Pha-
risee

1 Pet. 5. 5.

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risee condem ned.

O Lord my God, I cannot but confesse, that I haue deserued shame and confusion for my sinnes done against thee, yea, the best of mine actions are so corrupted, as I deserue no lesse than damnation for them, yea, when I haue done all that I can I am an vnprofitable seruant: what cause (holy Father) then haue I to boast my selfe before thee? If any good I doe, it is not I, but thy Spirit in mee, for what haue

haue I that I haue not
receiued ? Giue mee
then to bee glad of thy
gifts of grace, but not
proud: Not vnto mee
(O Lord) not vnto me,
but vnto thy Name,
grant I may euermore
giue the praise, lest for
mine arrogance I bee
smitten as was *Hered*,
and the wormes, and
thy wrath consume
mee.

Act. 12. 23.

Lord possess me with
meeknesse and lowli-
nes here, that my por-
tion may bee with thy
Saints in glory euerla-
sting hereafter, for thy
Christ

Christs sake. Amen.



*A Praier for Pa-
tience.*

MOST louing and
gracious God,
seeing I am compassed
about with so many
miseries, some from
thy Maiesty as corre-
ctions, some from Sa-
than as temptations,
some from wicked
men as persecutions,
& some from concup-
iscence as treacherous
seductions: I beseech
thee

thee therefore giue me
 patience in this sinfull
 and sorrowfull world,
 let me possess my soule
 with patience, and run
 the race that is set be-
 fore mee with comfort
 and patience. Thus the
 Lord Iesus possessed
 himselfe in patience,
 who when he was reui-
 led, reuiled not again,
 but praied for his per-
 secutors, and in his dy-
 ing afflictions opened
 not his mouth: thus
 thy seruants went qui-
 etly and gently thorow
 their sharpe afflictions,
 as *Iob, Steuen,* and o-
 G thers:

Heb. 12. 1.

48. 7. 60.

thers: I Lord Grant I
may gently and meek-
ly goethorow whatso-
ever tribulation for the
kingdome of heaven
sake: I pray thee Lord

Grant I may not re-
pine or murmur un-
der the crosse, whether
it be want, or imprison-
ment, or sicknesse, or
banishment, or death
of friends, or any o-
ther affliction: for
whom thou lovest,
thou wilt chasten, and
it is good for me to be
in trouble, for thereby
I learne better to keep
thy Law: and as grace
is

Heb. 12. 6.

is the way of life, so is
crosse the companion
of this way, all that
wil live godly in Christ
Iesus, must suffer per-
secution: I must bee
contented to suffer
with Christ, and for
Christ on earth, if ever
I would reigne with
Christ in heaven.

Thus submitting my
soule to thy wil & plea-
sure in this life, I shall
have the surer hope
of admission to life and
salvation when I dye,
in the merits of the
Lord Iesus, thy Sonne
my Saviour. Amen.

A Praier for Innocency.

O Eternal and euer-
 living L O R D
 G O D, seeing I must
 one day rise to giue an
 account for all things
 done in my body, I
 most humbly beseech
 thee therefore, to giue
 me grace to endeuour
 with thine holy Apo-
 stle Paul, alwaies to
 keepe a cleere consci-
 ence, both toward thee
 and man: Lord giue
 me

mee to bee innocent
from all manner of of-
fence, innocent to thee,
innocent to man: O
that I could keepe in-
nocency, and doe the
thing that is right, this
would bring me peace
at the last.

Psal 37. 38.

Lord grant I may
wrong no man, nei-
ther in body, goods,
nor name: grant I may
say with *Samuel*, whose
Oxe haue I bribed?
whose Ass haue I ta-
ken? whom haue I done
wrong to? giue mee to
doe good to all, hurt
to none: giue me to be

1 Sam. 12. 3.

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wise as the Serpent, but
 innocent as the Dove:
 that living harmlesly
 in this world, I may live
 happily in the next,
 for the merits sake of
 the Lord Iesus. Amen.



*A Prayer for mercy
 and compassion.*

O Lord my God
 most mighty and
 glorious, seeing thou
 hast commanded mee
 to weepe with them
 that weepe, and being
 also the godly practise
 of

Rom. 12. 15.

of my Saviour, for he
 wept over Ierusalem,
 and lamented their de-
 struction: grant (good
 Lord) I may compassi-
 onate the present misfe-
 rics of thy Church a-
 broad, that my heart
 may melt within me to
 see thy vine thus roy-
 ed, and thy Church
 thus trodden down by
 the enemies of thy
 truth: O Lord, becomes
 look downe from hea-
 ven and visite this vine,
 though thou sufferest
 it to bee pruned, Lord
 let it neuer bee extin-
 guished.

Psalm. 80. 14.

I further intreat thee
(O my God) that I may
not only mourne over
the afflictions of my
brethren, but likewise
bee pricked in heart at
the falls and sinnes of
thy people: and let not
this my pittie bee in
word and shew alone,
but in deed and in
truth, to pull them out
of their impiety, and
succour them in their
aduersitie, to couer the
naked, to feed the hun-
gry, to visit the sicke
and imprisoned, to
comfort and relecue
them: if this pittie
dwel-

dwelleth not in me, no
 piety can possesse mee:
 Lord grant I may bee
 thus mercifull as thou
 (my heauenly Father)
 art mercifull: giue mee
 with thy holy Apostle
 to cry out, Who is af-
 flicted, and I mourne
 not? Keepe me from
 mercilesnesse, O Lord
 of thy goodnesse, for
 iudgement shall bee
 ministred without mer-
 cie, to him that hath
 shewed no mercie:
 Thus I pray thee
 vouchsafe me a tender
 heart for thy glory, the
 good of the afflicted,

Iam .3.13.

and the eternall saluation of my poore soule, in the merits of the Lord Iesus. Amen.

**A Prayer for peace
of Conscience.**

O Almighty and most mercifull God, I beseech thee to remoue from my soule all desperate feares, all vile corruptions, and giue me that great and heavenly blessing, namely, The peace of Conscience which passeth

Prout.

seeb all vnderstanding,
which is a most com-
fortable and continuall
least.

And seeing this peace
of conscience ariseth
from thy reconcile-
ment, remission of sins,
and assurance of life e-
uerlasting: good Lord,
I pray thee, be at peace
with mee through the
Lord Iesus, let all my
sins in the bloody pas-
sions of thy Sonne bee
discharged, and let my
name be bound written
in the Booke of life.

And giue me further
(I beseech thee good

Fa-

Father) to preserve this
 peace of conscience,
 and that by avoiding
 all, but especially
 known finnes, by do-
 ing every duty vpright-
 ly, though not perfect-
 ly, and by renewing my
 humiliation & repen-
 tance more thoroughly:
 Lord grant I may not
 finne against the light
 of conscience, that I
 may neuer defile and
 wound my conscience
 by wilfull offending,
 that faith and holinesse
 may dwell therein, O
 helpe me (good Lord)
 thus to keepe a cleare
 con-

conscience both to-
ward thee and man:
Sawe mee (my God)
from a benumbed
conscience, a desperate
conscience, an errone-
ous conscience, a pol-
luted conscience, and
giue me a pure consci-
ence, a peaceable con-
science, a good consci-
ence, that this may mi-
nister cōfort vnto me in
the greatest afflictions,
strongest temptations,
at the houre of death,
at the day of iudge-
ment, and bee a sure
scale to my soule of life
and saluation everla-
sting

sting, in the merits of
the Lord Iesus. Amen.



*A Prayer for ioy in
the holy Ghost.*

MOST deare and
gracious God,
for as much as thy
diuine consolation is
a sure marke and evi-
dence of thy loue for
life, for thy blessed A-
postle affirmeth, that
thy kingdome standeth
in righteousnes, peace,
and ioy in the holy
Ghost: Lord of thy
good.

Rom. 14. 17.

nesse, fill mine heart
with this thy heauenly
ioy, let it not be hidden
vnto mee as it is vnto
those that are lost, but
(I pray thee) shed a-
broad this thy loue in
mine heart : this sweet
and heauenly ioy is
thine owne wine, laid
vp in thine owne seller,
for thine owne spouse,
the wicked of the
world shall neuer taste
thereof.

This ioy the wise men
found when they found
the Lord Iesus, for they
reioyced with an ex-
ceeding great ioy.

Matth. 2.10.

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Luke I. 47.

Psal. 4. 6.

This ioy was in the
blessed Virgin, for her
spirit reioyced in
Christ her Saniour:
So (good Lord) distill
some sauing drops of
this water of life into
my thirsting soule:
Lord shew me this thy
glory: some craue
worldly goods, and ri-
ches doe imbrace, but
Lord grant mee thy
countenance, thy fa-
uour and thy grace;
for thou thereby shalt
make my heart more
ioyfull and more glad,
than they that of their
corne and wine full
great

great increase haue
had.

O Lord, to this end,
increase my faith, in-
flame my zeale, better
my obedience, mortifi-
fie my corruptions,
sanctifie my affections,
that so I may euermore
reioyce vnder the hope
of saluation, in the
LORD IESVS, yea,
here and in heauen
for euer.

Amen.

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*A Prayer for increase
of Grace.*

Most blessed and
heauenly Father,
I read in thy holy word
That thy Kingdome
is like a graine of
Mustard seede, a lit-
tle seede, yee in time
it sendeth forth a
mightie stalke, that the
birds of the aire may
nestle therein, thy Ma-
iestie intimating ther-
by the smalnesse of
Grace at the first, and
the great increase
by

Luk. 13. 19.

by degrees in the
 hearts of thy children
 at last : now (good Fa-
 ther) I pray thee, in-
 crease thy graces in
 mee; for I may say
 with that poore belee-
 uer in the Gospel, Lord
 I beleeue, but helpe
 mine vnbeleefe: Lord
 glue mee to increase in
 faith, in knowledge, in
 obedience, in all good-
 nesse, that so I going
 on from strength to
 strength, may in the
 end enioy thy face in
 Sion.

That tree that grow-
 eth not, is dead; if I
 grow

grow not better and better, and bring not forth more fruit in mine old age, I cannot proue my selfe an impe of the Lord Iesus.

And as it fareth with the naturall birth, so doeth it also with the spirituall, a child new born is weak and small, yet in time it groweth to be a tall and strong man; so the soule at first is weake and feeble in grace, as smoake to fire, as a bruised reed to a sturdie oake of Lebanon, but in time the conuert groweth to be

a perfect man in: the
 Lord Iesus : therefore
 my gracious G O D,
 grant I may (as a new
 borne babe) desire the
 sincere milke of the
 word, that I may grow
 thereby: I confesse with
 a heavy heart (O Lord)
 that I grow but poore-
 ly in the power and
 might of grace, Lord
 quicken mee, Lord a-
 bound thy graces in
 mee : thou that madest
 bread grow , double
 thy graces in mee: as
 that oile increased,
 Lord increase the oile
 of thy graces within
 me:

1 Pet. 2. 2.

Ioh. 6. 12.

2 King. 4. 6.

Ioh. 2. 7.

mee : as those water
 pots were filled, so fill
 my soule with thy
 goodnesse, euen vp to
 the brim, and let my
 cup runne ouer with
 thine euer-flowing
 mercies, that hereby I
 may bee made more as-
 ble to serue thee in ho-
 lineesse, and also more
 assured of euerlasting
 happinesse in Christ
 Iesus, to whom thou
 gauest the Spirit with-
 out measure, to whom
 with thee and thy holy
 Spirit be all glories re-
 turned, now and fore-
 uermore. Amen.

**A Prayer for perse-
uerance in Grace.**

MY most deare &
gracious God,
many are the troubles
of the righteous; and
those that truly pro-
fesse thy feare & Name,
have man and deuill a-
gainst them; for Cain
wil hate Abel for good,
and Ismael mock Isaac
for God; thus they per-
secuted the Lord Iesus,
and the Prophets: O
Lord, hereupon I pray
thee;

Revel. 2. 10.

Matth. 10. 22.

thee giue mee magnanimity and courage, that nothing may draw me from thy law, thy loue, thy feare: grant I may hold the faith to the death, that so I may haue a crowne of life; for hee that endureth to the end, the same shall be saued; but reuolters, and back-sliders shall goe vnder the earth, and great shall be their torment in hell.

Giue me to look vpon the constancy and courage of thy holy Martyrs, who went as
cheere-

cheerfully to the
flame, as to a delicate
feast: my blessed Sau-
our suffered ten thou-
sand times more for
mee than I can doe for
him, therefore grant
that I may lose my life,
rather than thy loue,
for hee that will saue
his life shall lose it, and
hee that loseth his life
for thy Names sake,
shall euerlastingly saue
it: Come then tor-
ment, come torture,
come what will come,
come & welcome, no-
thing shal separate me
from my Lord Iesus.

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O Lord, give me to
this end to bee sincere
in thy seruice, to be in-
creased in thy graces,
to be inflamed with the
loue of thy Law, and
zeale of thy glory, to
consider the disgrace
that is done to thy
truth by reuolting, and
the danger of back-
sliding, and the incompa-
rable glory laid vp in
heauen for those that
defend thy faith with
their dearest blood,
that so I may neuer be
daunted at what soeuer
torment, but persecute
regionally and cheere-
fully

fully through the same
to life and glory ever-
lasting in the might
and merit of the Lord
Jesus, thy Sonne my
Saviour. Amen.



*A Prayer for propa-
ration to the Sacra-
ment.*

O Almighty and
most gracious
Lord God, great is thy
mercy and rare is thy
love to mortal and mi-
serable man, in that
thou hast not onely gi-

I Cor. II. 29.

uen him thy Word to
 beget faith, but also
 the Sacrament of the
 Body and Blood of the
 Lord Iesus, to seal him
 to life and saluation;
 good Lord I pray thee
 so addresse my soule,
 and prepare my heart,
 that I may receive the
 same thy holy and hea-
 uenly ordinance to my
 comfort, not condem-
 nation, for whosoever
 eateth and drinketh vn-
 worthily, eateth & drin-
 keth his own condem-
 nation: therefore (holy
 Father) grant I may no-
 uer come to this thy
 holy

holy table without the
wedding garment,
without holy and due
preparation: prepare
then (deare God) my
heart herunto, especi-
ally in these fix and se-
uerall Graces;

First, I beseech thee
grant that I may come
with knowledge; know-
ledge of myself, know-
ledge of my blessed
Saviour Iesus, know-
ledge of this most re-
uerend ordinance, and
of the holy vse of the
same, that I may graci-
ously and wisely distin-
guish that bread Sa-

eramentall, from bread
at home, it prefiguring
the Lord Iesus, that
Bread of my soule that
came from heauen.

Secondly, grant I
may come with humili-
liation of soule, for the
Lords breakings heale
none but the broken
heart, & contrite soule.
If I cannot roar for my
sinnes that killed the
Lord Iesus, the roa-
rings of the Lord Iesus
cannot ease me.

Againe, prepare me
by faith to rest vpon
thy Son for mercy and
forgiuenesse: If my
heart

heart be thus humbled
for sin, what shall hin-
der me to beleue: for
thy grace in Christ Je-
sus is given only to the
humble; therefore grant
as my mouth eateth
the bread, my soule by
faith answerably may
bee comforted by the
merits of Christ Iesus.

Fourthly, I beseech
thee to giue me sound
repentance, to die to
sinne, to liue to my
blessed Redeemer, in
holinesse and righte-
ousness all the daies of
my life.

Fiftly, giue mee a
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thankfull heart to thy
sweet Maiesty for the
redemption of my
poore soule, in the me-
rits of thy Sonne.

Lastly, giue me loue
to my brethren, as thou
hast pardoned my sins,
so giue mee thy grace,
that I may freely and
heartily paydon those
that haue offended me,
and with the holy Sa-
crament as effectuell
vnto them as mine
owne soule: Lord
grant vnto me all these
my requests for the ho-
nor of thy great name
in the worthy merits
of

of the Lord Iesus: A-
men.



*A Prayer for the Go-
spels continuance.*

Most holy & hea-
uenly Lord God,
of all thy mercies
vouchsafed to thy
Church on earth, none
like that of thy word,
therefore it is said by
thine Apostle, shewing
the prerogative of the
Iew above the Gentile,
that to them were
committed the ora-
cles

Rom. 3. 2.

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cles of God, as though thy Law was the principall of thy blessings, their preferments: I pray thee then (good Father) continue thy Word & Sacraments vnto vs of this nation, and our posterities after vs, till Iesus come in the clouds to iudgement.

To this end Lord giue vs that wee may walk in the light, while the light thus clearly shineth vnto vs, lest for our contempt and prophaneness thy candlestick be removed from

vs:

vs: whatsoeuer iudgement thou wilt please to afflict thy Church withall, Lord saue vs from the famine of thy Word: the famine of bread brings but a bodily death, but that of thy Word brings perpetuall destruction to body and soule.

O Lord also continue good and faithfull Pastors & Teachers of thy Flocke: grant a bright shining Lampe to euery candlesticke, and an able instructor to euery Congregation, that many hereby
may

may bee drawen from
darknes to light, from
the power of sinne and
Sathan, to the know-
ledge and saluation of
thee, O God, for thy
mercies sake in the
Lord Iesus. Amen,



*A Prayer for pre-
paration to Death.*

O Lord God most
mighty and glo-
rious, seeing I am of a
mortall condition, and
the time of my death
vncertaine, and as I am
found

found in death, so shall
I bee in iudgement, if
in sin impenitent, con-
demned then for euer;
if vigilant in godlines,
then imbraced to hea-
uenly saluation: Good
Lord grant I may pre-
pare for this day, and
so liue here, as I may
liue with thee in hea-
uen for euer: Death is
a Scorpion, and the
sting of this Scorpion
is sin: now if the sting
of a scorpion be pulled
out, it can doe no
harme, therefore giue
me the wisdom of thy
Spirit, that I may pull
out

1 Cor. 15. 56.

out the sting of death which is sin, then death shall not affright mee: for as death to the wicked is dismall, and packeth to hell, so to the godly it is amiable, and passeth their soules to heauen: grant then (deare God) that death may be to mee as to all thy Saints & seruants, the gate to life, the end of sinning and sorrowing, and the passage of my poore soule to life and glory euerlasting.

O Lord grant I may
euer haue death in
mine

mine eie, that I may e-
uermore desire it, ab-
hor it neuer: that I may
neuer doe any one act
but that I durst doe if I
were now dying, and
called to thy strict tri-
bunall to giue an ac-
count for it in my per-
son: thus grant mee
grace to liue in thy
feare, and dye in thy fa-
uour, and obtaine that
blessednesse spoken of
in the Reuelations,
Blessed are they that
dye in the Lord: thus
prepare me for the first
death, and saue mee
from the second, in the
me-

Reuel. 14. 13.

merits of the Lord Iesus. Amen.



A Prayer for a woman in Child-birth.

MY most louing
& gracious God,
thy power is mighty,
and thy goodnesse answerable,
to them that feare thee : thou art so
potent as thou canst
doe more than euer
thou wilt doe, from
feare and danger thou
canst and wilt deliuer
all those that put their
trust

trust in thy mercy: thus
thou sauedst *Sydrach* frō
the fire, and didst di-
uide the Sea to saue the
house of *Jacob* from the
host of *Pharaob*: Lord
I beseech thee, saue me
from my present dan-
ger of Child-bearing,
and bring mee safely
through my present
straight and miserie:
thou (O Lord) that
canst make hard things
easie, shew now thy
might and mercy vpon
mee: that which is im-
possible with man, is ea-
sie with thee to bee ac-
complished.

Dan. 3. 27.

Exod. 14. 28.

Matth. 19. 26.

1 Tim. 2.15.

I confels (O my God) that the woman was first in the transgression, and therefore this was her iudgment, that in sorrow should she bring forth, yet notwithstanding even through child-bearing she (being truly humbled for her sinne) shall bee saved, if she continue in faith with holiness.

Giue me (O Lord) to rest comfortably vpon thee for deliuerance: Lord grant I may cleaue vnto thee in the extremitie of my paines,

paines: If I perish,
Lord, I will perish in
thy bosome: Lord, mo-
derate my torments,
remember Lord I am
but dust, vnable to
beare thy heauy dis-
pleasure for my sinne:
lay no more vpon mee
than thou wilt inable
mee comfortably to
beare: thus (good
Lord) blesse me in my
soule, in my body, in
the fruit of my
wombe, for Iesus
Christis sake.

Amen.

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*A Prayer after
Child-birth.*

MY most deare &
gracious God,
whereas thou hast
commanded me to call
vpon thee in the day of
trouble, and vpon deli-
uerance to glorifie thy
Name: O Lord, accord-
ing to my bounden
duty, from the bottome
of my heart, I desire to
magnifie thy Name, for
that thou hast thus gra-
ciously preserved mee
from

from paine and peril of
Child-birth: let me ne-
uer (O Lord) forget
this thine vnspeakable
goodnesse and mercy,
but let it lead mee into
all obedience: as I liue
yet by thee, giue mee
grace to liue vnto thee,
and the praise of thy
great Name.

I thanke thee also
(gracious God) for
that thou hast made
me a ioyfull mother of
children: good Lord
grant I may labour to
bring them vp in thy
holy feare, that as I am
an instrument of their
genera-

generation, which is
full and damnable,
to make mee an happy
instrument of their re-
generation, without
which neither I nor
they can euer see thy
Kingdome, O God.

And good Lord, I
pray thee, grant that I
may also submit vnto
my husband in all due
obedience, according
to thy will: that I may
be a comfort vnto him,
living faithfully, lo-
uingly, chastly, and
godly with him, till
death vs depart, that
so thy blessing may bee
vpon

open him, my selfe, my
children, and family,
from this time forth
for evermore. Amen.

~~Prayer for the Traveller by land.~~

A Prayer for the Tra-
veller by land.

A Almighty God,
by whose provi-
dence all things are di-
rected, supported and
preserved, I pray thee
bless me in mine out-
goings, and in com-
mings, make (I pray
thee) this my journey
prosperous unto thee,
keepe

Psal. 91. 12.

Gen. 35. 3.

keepe me from sinning
and bad society, and
that by the watch of
grace, keepe mee also
from all outward pe-
rills, from perill of
theeues, peril by beasts,
perill by lightning, and
from dashing my foot
at any time against a
stone, and that by the
watch of thy holy and
heavenly Angels.

And (good Father)
as thou didst goe with
Iacob, and defend him
in his long & perillous
voyage to *Laban*, and
didst bring him safely
backe againe: so I pray
thee

thee preserve mee in
this my journey from
all dangers bodily and
ghostly, and bring mee
safe home againe to
my friends and fami-
ly, for Iesus Christ
his sake.

Amen.

Lord make it prosper
and a thanksgable
virtue: to this end
pray thee direct my
course with safety, and
give mee favourable
and convenient winds:
defend mee from tri-
ging

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*A Praier for the tra-
ueller by Sea.*

O Most mercifull
& gracious hea-
uenly Father, I beseech
thee in this my dange-
rous voyage by Sea, to
prosper & defend mee:
Lord make it profita-
ble and aduantageable
vnto mee: to this end
I pray thee, direct my
course with safety, and
giue mee fauourable
and conuenient winds:
defend mee from ra-
ging

ging tempests, that
they may not ouer-
turne mee: saue mee
from all dangerous
rocks and sands, that
they may not despoile
mee: keepe me safe al-
so from piraticall and
tyrannous enemies,
that they may neuer
preuaile against me.

To this end Lord
giue me and my whole
company, to bee con-
stant and instant in
prayer with thee, to
spend our houres in
hearing and reading
thy holy and heauenly
Word, to flye and shun

all euill : and when I
come to the haueu
where I would be, Lord
giue mee to praise thee
for my faſe aſſual: and
ſaue mee from the ſins
of the place and peo-
ple whither I goe: and
let me not bee corrup-
ted, or peruerſed by
them, but grant by my
good counſel and holy
conuerſation, I may la-
bour the conuerſion of
them : which mercy
if thy Maieſty ſhall
vouchſafe to grant, I
ſhall more reioyce in
heart than if I had won
the whole world.

And

And good Lord, I
 pray thee, give mee a
 safe and timely returne
 with credit, profit,
 comfort, that so I ta-
 sting of thy mercies in
 this life, I may not fall
 of saluation when I
 die, and that for Je-
 sus Christs sake.
 Amen.

*A Prayer for the
Church.*

O Most glorious &
mercifull Lord
God, I pray thee for
thy mercies take be-
hold from heauen thy
Church and people:
honor them Lord that
honour thee, and con-
found them that rise vp
against thee: great is
our present misery, the
earth and world
throughout, good
Lord saue thy seruants
from

from the hands of all
their enemies: thy
Church is euery where
despised and despigh-
ted, and trodden vnder
foot of the wicked of
the world, O Lord,
 sleepe not, but arise in
thy power, and let all
thine and our foes bee
scattered.

Giue (O Lord) thy
Gospell a free passage,
for the enlargement of
thy kingdome, all the
world thorow, in de-
spight of Turke and
Pope, & all malignant
enemies of the same:
continue it where it is;

I 4 where

where it is not, Lord
 (of thy goodnes) plant
 thy heavenly power:
 though wee haue failed
 and grievously offen-
 ded, yet correct vs thou
 in thy mercy, and giue
 vs not ouer a prey vnto
 their teeth, whose ten-
 der mercies are cruell:
 downe with ~~Degen~~, and
 set vp the glorious Go-
 spell of Christ Iesus a-
 mong the sonnes of
 men.

Now (O Lord) thy
 Church is heauily as-
 faulted, I beseech thee
 fight out al our battels,
 and euermore defend

vs :

vs: let them not say,
 There, there, so would
 we haue it; neither let
 them say, We haue de-
 uoured them: let them
 not mocke and vaunt,
 Where is now their
 God? they cry malici-
 ously, Downe with
 them, down with them
 euen to the ground;
 but Lord, better than
 thy Church should
 bee extinguished, the
 whole army of Sathan
 to bee confounded: If
 it may bee, Lord con-
 uert the enemies of thy
 Church; if that cannot
 bee, Lord confound
 I 5 them.

Psal. 137.7.

them. Thus (Lord)
I pray thee power-
fully protect, and
graciously direct thy
Church on earth,
and make it one day
triumphant in hea-
ven, for Jesus sake a-
lone, in whom thou
art well pleased.

Amen.



A Prayer for the con-
uerſion of the Iew.

MOſt gracious and
blessed heauenly
Father, both there was a
time wherein thou in
thy mercy didst vouch-
safe thy Law to Isra-
el, all other nations
of the world de-
prived of the same, and
now is the time where-
in they for their con-
tempt of thy Sonne Je-
sus Christ are deprived
of thy Gospell, and the
Gentiles of the world

en-

enlightened with the same: and there will come a time wherein Jew and Gentile shall bee of one fold and faish, and that is, when the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

¶ O Lord, pittie the fall of thy first chosen, and let not thine anger bee euor against them: turne againe (O God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) and visit them with thy saluation, that are now scattered, and a despised people ouer the face of the whole earth. O Lord conuert them,

them, and bring them to the faith of the Lord Iesus: dispell the mist of ignorance from their eies, and let not such multitudes goe to perdition: for *Abraham* thy seruants sake, looke vpon the desolate progeny.

And seeing contempt and vnbeleefe cast them off, Lord giue vs to beleeue & obey thy truth, lest wee also bee cast out and expelled: if thou sparedst not the naturall Oliue, how wilt thou spare the wilde branch?

Rom. 11. 2.

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Lord grant that Iew
and Gentile may all
the world thorow
oyne in one faith and
truth to thy glory and
the saluation of in-
numerable soules
in the LORD

I E S V S.

Amen.



*A Morning Prayer
for a family.*

O Lord our God
most mighty,
glorious, and in mercy
abundantly gracious,
wee thy seruants desire
this morning and ever-
more to blesse thy ho-
ly and heauenly Name,
for all thy blessed mer-
cies first and last affor-
ded vs in the Lord Je-
sus: In particular, wee
blesse thee for thy safe
protection and provi-
dence

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dence ouer vs this last night past, in keeping vs alieue of thy goodnesse and mercy to this houre, & day : O Lord, as we liue by thee, giue vs all thy grace to liue vnto thee, and to the praise of thy blessed Name.

And we intreat thy Maiesty to blesse vs this day, and euermore to come : Lord saue vs from bodily perils, and that by the watch of thy good Angels : saue vs especially (O Lord) from sinning against thee, and that by the power

Power and residence of
grace in our soules:
thus blesse vs in body
and soule in this life,
that so wee may haue
the surer hope of ever-
lasting saluation in the
life to come.

And (good Father)
grant that wee may la-
bour and strine against
all corruption and sin,
but most especially a-
gainst those evils that
haue most defiled our
soules, let vs flie all oc-
casions of them, and
vse all holy helps a-
gainst them, and in the
might and strength of
thine

1 Cor. 15.

thine all—sufficient
 grace, vouchsafe vs dai-
 ly victory over them:
 O that wee could say
 with thy seruant Paul,
 I thanke my God, con-
 cerning sinne I die
 daily.

1 Iob. 2. 16.

And (good Lord) so
 bless vs with thy grace,
 that we may cheerfull-
 ly and constantly goe
 on in the performance
 of all such duties as
 thou hast appointed
 for vs to walk in: grant
 that the concupiscence
 of the eie, the concupi-
 scence of the flesh, the
 pride of life may neuer
 corrupt

corrupt and defile vs,
but let euermore our
conuersations be holy
and heauenly: keepe vs
also from idlenesse,
grant wee may bee al-
~~ways found exercised~~
in the duties of our cal-
ling, either generall or
particular: that when
our Lord and Master
cometh (being found
thus vigilant) wee may
enter with him into
the ioy of the Lord.

Thus (gracious God)
giue vs to walke in he-
lineffe and vprightnes
before thee, that so we
may both saue our
owne

owne foules, and those
that are about vs, for
Iesus Christ his sake,
thy Sonne our Sau-
our. Amen.



*An Evening Praier
for a Family.*

MOST deare and
gracious Lord
God, wee thy humble
servants most earnest-
ly desire thy mercy and
compassion vpon vs, in
pardoning all our sins,
originall, actuall, and
in giuing vs grace for
the

the preuention of them
in time to come: and so
sanctific euery of vs,
that all our ends may
be peace.

O Lord, to this end
giue vs (we pray thee)
to bee broken in heart
for breaking thy com-
mandements, & smite
our sinfull soules for of-
fending thee, that so
wee may come within
compassie of healing
and refreshing: for
none but the laden can
be eased, and the wea-
ried onely shall bee re-
freshed.

And (good Father)
seeing

seeing thou hast promised saluation to the humble, grant that by faith wee may comfortably rest vpon thy promise for mercy and forgiuenesse, and also by power of the same faith, *live vnto the praise of thee (our Redeemer) for euermore.*

Vouchsafe (O Lord) vnto vs all those blessed graces of thy blessed Spirit, onely proper to thine elect and chosen, as knowledge, vertue, faith, patience, temperance, godlines, brotherly kindnesse, loue:

loue: if these things be
in vs and abound, wee
shall neuer fall into the
ditch of hell.

Lord turne out sinne
and Sathan, for wee
confesse that wee are
out of measure sinfull:
sinfull by thought, sin-
full by word, sinfull by
worke, Lord bee mer-
ciful vnto vs thus mise-
rable sinners: and
(good Lord) let thine
holy Spirit make his
residence in vs, that in
this new righteousnes
wee shall labour and
learne to doe, in that
wee may saue all our
poore

poore soules euerlastingly aliv.

O Lord, blesse with vs thy Church vniuersall, Lord saue it from ouerthrow, and deliuer it from the present calamity: more especially wee beseech thy mercies vpon this nation whereof wee are members: this sinfull nation: laden with transgression, iniquity, sinne; Lord heale the sores of it, pardon the finnes of it, giue it the repentance of it, from the Kings person, to the begger amongst

vs,

vs,

vs, that so thy iudgements may be diuerted from vs.

Lord herein (we pray thee) bleſſe the principall Member & ner vs, CHARLES by thy good prouidence, King of great Brittain, France, and Ireland, giue him a long and laſting life on earth, and an ouerlaſting in heauen: bleſſe our moſt noble and gracious Queene: the Prince and Princeſſe Palatine, and their Princely Iſſue: bleſſe all the true hearted Nobility, all

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the reuerend Clergie,
 the ciuill Magistracy,
 Gentry, Commonalty,
 all Schooles of lear-
 ning, the two Vniuer-
 sities, all afflicted per-
 sons, bodily or soulely
 tormented: O Lord,
 deliuer Israel from all
 their finnes and sor-
 rowes.

And good Lord, we pray
 thee, bleſſe all that are deare
 and neare in nature vn-
 to vs, as father, mo-
 ther, brother, ſiſter,
 husband, wife, child.
 Lord, giue vs all
 thy grace in this life,
 thy ſaluation for e-
 uer.

ut in beatus.

And for our selves a-
gain, we beseech thee
this night to blesse vs,
in body, in soule; in
basket and store, with-
in doores, without:
Lord saue vs from
theeues, from windes,
from fire, from all dan-
gers, and giue vs a
sweet rest and comfor-
table sleepe: and for
our soules, saue them
(good Lord) from sin-
full lusts and Sathans
assaults: that so we be-
ing preserved from sin
and danger in this life,
we may not faile of thy

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mercifull saluation in
the end, and that
for Iesus Christ

his sake
Amen.

in body and
soul, and
in doores, without
Lord Iesus
FINIS.

from all
dangers, and
give us

eternall life

table of life : and for

our soules, true

(good Lord) to

us : that we may

be ever with thee

and thy

mercies

in

